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As public servants, it is critical that we fulfill our most basic commitment to the people—protecting them in the event of a large-scale catastrophe. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we owe it to our residents to guarantee that Los Angeles County’s disaster preparedness plans are the finest possible. Each winter, heavy rain could potentially cause floods and landslides. An earthquake could occur at any time of the year—and a temblor in the ocean could trigger a tsunami. Whether a natural calamity occurs or terrorists attack Los Angeles, we must have the manpower, the equipment, and a proper plan of action ready to go. If disaster strikes, the public must know they can count on Los Angeles County to do its job.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Office of Emergency Management provide a report in 30 days providing:

- A post-mortem assessment of the lessons-learned from the County’s ability to respond to a large-scale disaster, like Hurricane Katrina; and
- A public outreach campaign plan about steps that Los Angeles County residents should take to prepare in the event of a disaster; and
- An assessment of the County’s current Operational Area Emergency Response Plan with recommendations to improve its effectiveness in responding to a large-scale disaster.

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